Health Data Committee Meeting 1/12/99 (Conference Call)

Starting at 3:30 PM

Attending: (7 members to start, making a quorum)

Committee Members - Dennis Tolley, Wen Kuo, Orrin Colby, Gene Chapman, Lori Reichard, Sandra Peck, Brett Lazar, Mike Stapley and Lee Brinton.

Others on the call - Denise Love, Kim Hood, Luis Paita, Michelle McOmber, Bruce Murray and Janet Scarlet

Item 1. Review of Minutes - OK'd. Motion by Wen and 2nd by Lori

Item 2. Update on rule 428-10 Due to a software error we needed to revise the rule and it has been completed. Lyle wanted it to be a common language for It has been reviewed by Lyle and is in the Review period for the hospital administrators. Question was brought up about error rate for the SS#? Less than a 5% error rate is required.

✓ Vote to approve the amendment to file. Motion by Brett and 2nd by Wen © Voting was unanimous and approved.

Update on rule 428-13. The change in this is just a change in date, from June 1 to January 1. HEDIS deadline will work out better with this new date.

✓Vote to adopt this amendment to the rule. Motion Gene and 2nd by Brett.
©Voting was unanimous, and approved.

Item 3. UHIN pilot - Global Rule is in Draft right now. The DOH attorneys are working on the wording. Bring in some hospital data through UHIN, but we need a rule to do this. HDC would have to test. The past 8 years has told us that the charge data does not reflect what really is going on in the market place. We would have to start testing the rules legislation, that enables us to collect that data, and also the policies for release so we don't disclose proprietary information. We also need to make sure we don't have duplicates. Look at name, SS#, provider and date to check for duplicates.

Need to know if HDC wants the staff to proceed, once we have a global rule? This pilot will be quite labor intensive, but we want to still test with the 2 hospitals? This would be electronic data or UHIN data in a repository. We need to test if we are going to use the data. How long can we just see how things are going on. Is this a question of timing? It has been deferred because of lack of resources or staffing. But with the Immunization tracking, this has become important again. How much resource will we need? About \$60,000 estimated for translator, software & hardware costs. Denise will get with Medicaid and see what she can adopt of theirs. Existing staff could do it. We would have to have someone come in and program this. Maybe use the students of the University. Maybe volunteer students. This is very important... HDC agrees.

Item 4. Budget for the legislature Importance of funding. Fact Sheet is really good. Our legislative budget date is Jan. 23rd or 25th. We need to have an positive influence on the appropriations committee and have contact with any coalition building, either as a committee or as individuals.

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(Jan Hood) The proposed budget is the same or increased. She didn't cut anything. (Denise) Auditor said that the proposed budget is not in compliance. We appose the idea of saying that we could be half self sufficient by 2000. The hearing will be on Monday Jan. 25th about 2pm. They are not ruling out being asked to present on the 21st or 22nd, what the budget will be discussed. Denise is assuming that it will be cut in half and then we will just see when you get there. We will send out a packet of names on the appropriation committee. Sub - Committee first step. Lobbyists would be helpful too. Rod is taking more of a leader role and the staff is taking a lower profile this time.

What is the Hosp. Associations view in this? (Bruce) The UHA would appose any attempt to extract \$200,000 out of the industry. Maybe there are some services in the community that they are not getting. The information that is available is not sufficticated enough for some and too sophisticated for others.

(Denise) We'll see how the Sub-Committee goes, and use our committee members and community response and editorials and restore our budget. If we take a cut we will talk about HMO report cards going. But we can't afford to let the data base go. Hospitals know that the date must be in and it would take about 3 years to restore it if we lost that. Medicaid is paying it's own way so Medicaid report card would stay. Survey and HEDIS and Report cards. We will have a press release for Ambulatory Sensitive conditions and small area analysis using the morbidity data. That might also help with the education of the legislators. Rod has bundled the data issues with the doh management. Linking it with the other initiatives on Medicaid and health care for Utahns. We just need to educate the Legislature.

We will get word of the dates when they are more definite. Mike Stapley and Gary Pehrson are good volunteers.

Is the 2nd Tuesday good for everyone. Our building is secured now so it is harder to find a convenient, large room. (3:30 to 5:00) Dates for up coming meeting for this year, 3/9, 5/11, 7/13, 9/14 and 11/9. Check with Penny to see if she could chair for Orrin, who will be out of town for next meeting. Everyone was pleased with the way the conference call worked. If we have something that is quite sensitive, it is probably best to meet in person, but if we have a light agenda like today, it should work well again.

Orrin: Motion has been made to adjourn and adjourned at 4:40 PM.